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Staff and children at Portico Kindergarten at Aughton Town Green celebrate their fundraising success for a portable defibrillator.

Nursery's plea for help to hit defibrillator fundraising target

STAFF and children at Portico Kindergarten in Aughton have very nearly reached their target of £1,800 for a potentially life-saving Community Publicly Accessible Defibrillator.

The team, based at Aughton Town Green Primary School, Town Green Lane were inspired to raise money for the defibrillator with a sponsored walk and fun day after finding out that the nearest device, based within the school, was not publicly available outside of school hours.

They have raised £1,650 in the last year, enough to fund the full cost of the defibrillator but not the outdoor protective casing. And they are appealing for donations towards the £150 needed to reach their final amount.

Nursery manager, Jane Waterson, said: "We started off with a sponsored walk to raise money for a defibrillator to be placed on Town Green Lane for the community. The staff, children and parents walked around the whole school field several times and some of the older primary schoolchildren joined in too!

"We also held a cake sale at the Town Green Brasserie in the summer, attended by Bake Off judge Paul Hollywood, which caused a bit of a stir!

"We have also held a face painting day and a pyjamas day as well and we were given a lot of very generous donations from local parents and residents.

"We would be thrilled to reach our target and install the defibrillator as we think that it's vital that it is installed as soon as possible and publicly-available any time of the day or night - as you never know when it will be needed."

If you would like to make a donation, email portico.jane@icloud.com or phone the nursery on 01695 422319.

FUNDRAISER'S CANCER SHOCK!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Chantelle was organising event in aid of Macmillan charity when she was diagnosed herself

AN Ormskirk businesswoman was busy organising a charity fundraiser in honour of a friend and customer who has been battling breast cancer, when she was diagnosed with late-stage cervical cancer herself!

Chantelle Payne, who owns and runs Silhouette Hair Studio in Wigan Road, was in the process of arranging the coffee morning event in aid of the Macmillan cancer charity with Elaine Pender from Westhead who had her head shaved at the salon at the start of her own battle against breast cancer.

However, the friends had to postpone the event after 29-year-old Chantelle was told that she needed a hysterectomy.

She underwent the operation yesterday (Tuesday, October 18) and has been forced to close the salon for six weeks while she recovers.

But she has reassured customers that this is only a temporary measure and she hopes to be back in business by the end of November and plans to re-stage the fundraiser some time in December.

Chantelle, from Old Skelmersdale, went for a routine cervical screening test in August but was showing no symptoms.

Now though she is urging all women to be vigilant and not miss the smear tests which could save their lives.

Chantelle with friend and customer Elaine Pender whose cancer battle inspired the planned fundraiser

Chantelle, who lives with partner Brian, 45, their eight-year-old son Cole and Brian's children Lewis, 20, and Teri, 17, wants to raise awareness of the dangers of skipping the tests, which can identify abnormal changes in the cells of the cervix at an early stage.

Cervical cancer often has no symptoms in its early stages and is most common in women aged between 30 and 45. All women who are registered with a GP are invited for cervical screening every three years if they area aged between 25 and 49; every five years from 50 to 64 and if they were not screened since aged 50, they are recalled at 65.

Elaine is also urging women to ensure that they go for regular breast cancer screenings and visit their GP if they have any symptoms including a lump in the breast; change in the size or shape of the breast; a dimpling of the skin or thickening in the breast tissue; introverted nipples or a swelling or a lump in the armpit.

Chantelle told the Champion: "I was so shocked to find out that I had cervical cancer. I'd had no symptoms and was not expecting anything to come of my routine smear test, so to find out that I needed a hysterectomy at only 29 was absolutely devastating.

"I'm so relieved that I had attended that smear test – I know other women have missed the odd one but it's absolutely

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Prospects looking brighter for skin condition sufferers

Cutting-edge phototherapy cabinets a hit with hospital dermatology unit patients

THE picture is looking brighter for patients with skin conditions at Ormskirk Hospital following the introduction of new state-of-the-art equipment.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has installed cutting-edge walk-in phototherapy cabinets at its dermatology unit in Ormskirk.

The cabinets, resembling stand-up sunbeds, emit UVB rays which help patients with skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema.

The unit, which sees around 20,000 patients a year, underwent refurbishment over the summer and the new cabinets are already proving popular with patients.

The amount of time patients can spend inside is strictly monitored. It can range from 25 seconds to five minutes. Ultraviolet B (UVB) phototherapy uses a wavelength of light that is invisible to human eyes.

Staff nurse, Lauren Penn said: "We are one of the first trusts in the UK to get these new phototherapy cabinets.

"The UVB rays heal a variety of skin conditions. They penetrate the skin and heal from the inside out. We have already seen an improvement in skin conditions for patients who are using the new cabinets."

Inside one of the new light cabinets

Dermatologist Dr Aamir Memon added: "We strive to offer the very best dermatology care to our patients. We want to become a centre of excellence for psoriasis in the North West.

"By replacing old phototherapy machines with state-of-the-art equipment, we have moved a step closer to this aim. Apart from psoriasis, phototherapy is an option for patients with numerous conditions such as eczema, acne, generalised itching, and other inflammatory conditions."

The dermatology unit at Ormskirk Hospital also treats people who suffer from acne and oversees minor skin surgery, allergy skin patching and photodynamic therapy. The team also carries out skin cancer reviews.

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Roof blaze drama at historic pub

Report by **Louisa Austin**

REGULARS at the Scotch Piper pub in Lydiate had to down their drinks to help tackle a blaze on Saturday night when the thatched roof at the historic building caught fire.

A blaze took hold of a section of the thatched roof of the pub just before 8pm when the pub was packed with villagers enjoying an evening out.

They immediately contacted the fire brigade and also managed to get a hose and control the blaze before fire crews arrived. Fire crews reached the pub just after 8pm and were there unitil after 11pm working to make the roof safe again.

Licensee Julie Pringle, praised the pub customers saying: "Without them and their community spirit, the damage could have been a lot worse.

"I want to thank them so much for what they did."

Fire crews deal with roof blaze at the Scotch Piper pub. Picture provided by: Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.

Packed

The fire service had to cut out a section of the thatch to make sure the fire was properly extinguished and determined the cause to be a fault in the lining of the chimney stack.

A spokesperson for the fire service said: "Two fire engines arrived at 8.05pm and were there until 11.07pm.

"The fire was on the right hand side of the roof and was put out with jets.

"The fire service used an axe to cut out a section of the roof and checked for hot spots. 10% of the roof was severely damaged."

An onlooker at the time the blaze started said: "The pub was packed at the time with Saturday night regulars and a couple downed their drinks and tried to tackle the blaze when they realised a fire had started.

"They were able to connect a hose to a water supply and directed it onto the thatched roof.

"This contained the fire until the fire brigade arrived."

Paul's marathon bike challenge raises £1,700 for children's charity

by **Danielle Thompson**

A CYCLIST from Bickerstaffe went for gold when he completed an epic 362-mile, five-day ride with double Olympic champion Daley Thompson.

Paul Wilcox, 58 and five fellow bikers cycled from from Holyhead in Wales on Friday, October 14 and reached Barkingside in East London on Tuesday, October 18 raising £1,706 for Barnardo's.

The ride, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the children's charity, followed the route taken by Thomas Barnardo after he arrived from Ireland in 1866. On seeing the shocking poverty and destitution in Victorian London, the benevolent 21-year-old decided to stay and committed himself to helping vulnerable children.

Barnardo's ambassador, Daley Thompson CBE, joined cyclists on day three of the bike ride and cycled 49 miles between Telford and Worcester, with four other cyclists also joining the team at different parts of the journey.

Paul Wilcox

Fitting

Over the five days, the cyclists visited Barnardo's services and stores in the towns and cities they travelled through, seeing first-hand how the charity supports some of the most disadvantaged children and families in the UK.

Paul Wilcox, who is the assistant director of children's services for Barnardo's in Lancashire said: "I have the privilege of working with dedicated staff who are striving all the time to make a difference in vulnerable children's lives and I wanted to do something more to help. So, to mark the 150th anniversary of Barnardo's and my 25th year of working for the charity, I decided to take part in this epic bike ride!

"Retracing Thomas Barnardo's journey to London by bike will be a great challenge but also a fitting memorial to our founder in our 150th year.

"I am extremely grateful to everyone that has sponsored me so far, all the money raised through this bike ride will support the important work we do and help the children and families who need our help the most to have a much brighter future."

Daley Thompson, who has four world records, two Olympic gold medals, three Commonwealth titles, and wins in the World and European Championships, added: "I know first-hand how important it is for children to have someone to believe in them.

"Regardless of whether they're shy, quiet, cheeky or test everyone's patience, they are all children - young minds who are trying to find their way in the world. Barnardo's helps children across the UK to believe in themselves and this is why I couldn't wait to take part in the Big Barnardo's Bike Ride and raise vital funds."

One of Paul's sponsors, Matt Middleton, who owns the Bicycle Lounge shop in Ormskirk, said: "I am pleased to be supporting Barnardo's and the great work they do in helping vulnerable children in Lancashire."

Biker left in serious condition after collision

A MOTORBIKER has been seriously injured after a collision with a Land Rover in Hesketh Bank.

The 21-year-old rider from Tarleton was riding a blue and white Lexmoto Adrenaline motorbike towards Hesketh Lane on Moss Lane at around 10.50am on Wednesday, October 12 when he was thrown from the bike suffering a serious head injury and broken leg after a collision with a red Freelander.

He was taken by air ambulance to Royal Preston Hospital for treatment and the driver of the Land Rover, a 52-year-old man from Penwortham, was uninjured.

The road was closed for more than two hours while accident investigators attended.

Police Sergeant Finn Quainton, from Lancashire Police, said: "We are appealing for witnesses following a road traffic collision in Hesketh Bank. A 21-year-old man suffered serious injuries and is currently being treated in hospital. If you witnessed the collision, or saw either the Lexmoto or Land Rover prior to the incident, please contact police immediately."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101.

Charity launches hot meals service

A WEST-Lancs rehabilitation charity has taken on a chef and is now offering hot meals to users.

The Legacy Nursery at Rainbow House in Mawdesley, which offers rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults with neurological conditions has extended its services with the introduction of hot meals and a wider range of activities including art, crafts and drama.

New cook Carol Croft has been trialling a range of dishes including roast chicken, fish fingers, home-made chicken nuggets, cottage pie and chicken risotto.

Stuart Taylor from Ardenlea Nurseries in Hesketh Bank and Andrew Birkbeck from GBA Services, Hesketh Bank are funding all of the fruit, vegetables and meat from local suppliers for the first six months of the project as a donation.

Village flood group formed

A NEW group has been set up to tackle potential future flooding in Burscough.

Stephen McCloskey, chairman of Burscough Flood Group (BFG) said: "We were set up as a working group to provide details to Burscough Parish Council of the unacceptably high amount of sewer and surface water flooding s occurring in Burscough.

"We would very much like to hear from residents affected by flooding along with dates, information, photos if possible and what they thought were contributory factors. All information will be treated in confidence and no personal details will be given without approval."

The group has a page on social media site Facebook, 'Burscough Residents Flooding Group' or can be contacted by ringing 01704 894914 or by emailing BFG@full-stopltd.co.uk

Fundraiser's cancer shock

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vital that you go to every single one as, like me, you could have it without even showing any symptoms.

"I won't need any more treatment after the operation, like chemotherapy, so in a way, I am very lucky to have that peace of mind. Now I want to make sure that other women don't take their health for granted and go to all of their tests.

"I'd like to thank my customers for their understanding during this difficult period and hope that they will support our fundraiser in December."

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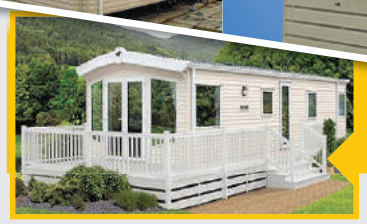

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Kennet will pass through West Lancashire on Saturday re-creating the historic 1816 ceremonial journey to mark the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal

Historic trip marks high point of canal bicentenary celebrations

WEST Lancs residents can enjoy celebrating the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool canal at Burscough Wharf on Saturday (October 22).

The canal bicentenary celebrations reach a high point this week when the historic Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society's short boat Kennet is re-creating the inaugural 1816 ceremonial journey 127 miles across the Pennines from Leeds to Liverpool.

A number of celebration events are being held along the route as brass bands, flotillas of boats and crowds of well-wishers are expected to greet the boat as it makes its way past mills and moorland, through Bingley, Skipton, Burnley, Blackburn, Chorley, Wigan, Burscough and some of the country's most spectacular scenery.

The events are being supported by the Canal & River Trust, which maintains the canal.

Kennet, will pass through Burscough Wharf between 1 and 2pm on Saturday when it will be greeted by the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage, the West Lancs town crier and crowds of interested spectators in a celebration organised by the Burscough Heritage Group.

It will then pass through the Mersey Motor Boat Club in Lydiate just after 6pm.

The original five-day journey in 1816 represented a triumph of completing the project.

Construction began in 1770 at either end and by 1777 the canal was open from Leeds to Gargrave and from Liverpool to Parbold.

At this stage the money ran out and worked stopped until 1790 and it wasn't until 1816 that the last section between Wigan and Johnson's Hillock, near Chorley, was finished, completing the project.

In its heyday, the canal carried cotton, coal, wool, limestone and sugar but from the Second World War onwards this declined and it narrowly escaped closure in the 1970s.

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Pals hope to drum up support for village youth club and music studio project

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO friends who are aiming to start up a non-profit charity music studio and youth club in Haskayne are appealing for donations of musical equipment to help them to launch the project.

Friends and former neighbours Marcus Dunning, 52 and Ian Boileau, 49, who live locally, are launching the Haskayne Music Studio and Youth Club to provide somewhere cheap for local musicians and bands to practice.

Meanwhile their youth club, which will feature a pool table, will be open to all youngsters, whether they are budding musicians or not.

Eventually they hope to hold the youth club on two nights a week and the rehearsal studio every night – but starting with three nights a week – at the former changing rooms/pavilion building on School Lane.

The parish council was given a £10,000 grant earlier this year to transform the building and as well as being plastered and painted, a new kitchen and disabled toilet are currently being installed.

The entrepreneurial pair will be renting the studio and youth club space from the council and hope to have the non-profit sessions up and running by the end of the year.

Parish councillor Marcus told the Champion: "We are just waiting for people to get back to us, with fingers crossed.

"We're hoping to provide the full backline of drums, microphones and amps for musicians who come, so all they would need are their own instruments.

Marcus Dunning

Ian Boileau,

"We have been very kindly given an amp and a keyboard so far and we are looking for any donations of musical equipment, including more amplifiers, a PA system, microphones, stands, guitars, drums, keyboards - just about anything needed for a studio!

"Some things may need repairing – if we could get some help on having the items repaired, this would be a cheaper alternative.

"At the moment the building is being updated as required with health and safety legislation so now is an ideal time to get the kit prepared.

"Ian and I met as neighbours, he's a drummer and I am a guitarist and we used to play together. Now I manage a band from Walton, The Jonns, so it's very much something we're both very interested in.

"We both have full-time jobs – I work for Network Rail and he is a stonemason – but there's not really very much for young people to do in Haskayne and this will appeal to musicians and the youth club will be open to absolutely anyone!"

If you could make a donation of equipment or if you could help them to repair kit, call Marcus on 01704 840 589 or 07919 526 058.

£500 donation for community arts group

MEMBERS of a community group which aims to make the arts accessible to all, including the most vulnerable in society, are celebrating after being given a £500 boost.

The Divine Days Community Arts Project, which has bases in Burscough and Skelmersdale, was founded by Katie Whitehead, who runs therapeutic and educational programmes for individuals with additional needs, including creative dance and drama workshops.

Now the project has been given a donation towards activities and running costs by the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund, a charity which provides grants to organisations and charitable causes which benefit the local community.

Edward McCarthy, communications and development co-ordinator for Divine Days, said: "We wish to give thanks for our funding award. We know from feedback that our dance and community sessions are popular and beneficial and with extra funding we can carry on this good work and work towards new venues and opportunities."

The Divine Days Community Arts Project has been given a boost

County council launches 'be prepared' campaign in bid to reduce future flood damage

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched a campaign to help people be better prepared for possible flooding.

The campaign highlights the fact that flooding can happen almost anywhere, often without warning, during and after heavy rainfall – and that being prepared can significantly reduce its impact on people and property.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "Over the last few years, we have seen the devastating impact of heavy rainfall in Lancashire where people have had to leave their homes and seen valuables destroyed by flood water.

"Even if you don't live near open water, there can be a risk of flooding. If it rains hard enough for long enough the roadside drains can become overwhelmed and the water will find its way to lower ground, potentially through houses, businesses or critical infrastructure.

"It can't ever totally be prevented but there are things you can do to reduce the impact of flooding and preparing in advance will help you keep calm during a stressful situation.

"This includes making sure you have the correct home insurance policy in place; writing a flood plan and preparing an emergency flood kit; making sure you know how to turn off your water, gas and electricity; and looking into ways of protecting your home from potential damage."

Richard Dixon took this photo of flooding in Rufford in December 2015 using a drone

The new campaign involves a range of information and tips being promoted in local communities, as well as on the council's website and social media.

Phil Durnell, Lancashire's head of highways, added: "Localised flooding on the roads and pavements is a common problem during heavy rainfall, and often for a few hours afterwards. Unfortunately any damage it causes can of course last a lot longer.

"Driving through anything more than about 10cm of water is a risk to motorists and their vehicles, while homes and businesses on the roadside are also at risk of damage from waves caused by vehicles moving too quickly through the water.

"People can help reduce the risk of surface water flooding by making sure any drains on their own property are clear of leaves and other debris, because these often act like a plug and stop the water from draining away. You might even want to check leaves haven't blocked the drain on the road outside.

"The county council maintains omiore than 300,000 highway drains to help reduce the risk of surface water flooding, regularly cleaning out those that we know can be a particular problem. When heavy rain is predicted we put extra teams on standby to help tackle any problems that occur."

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Oddfellows group issue 'come and join us' call

A SOCIAL group for Ormskirk and Southport residents is urging more people to get involved in a bid to tackle loneliness this winter.

The Oddfellows in Ormskirk and Southport organise a number of trips, coffee mornings, meals out and days out across the region.

Events organiser Judith Catton said: "Don't be lonely this winter. If you're looking for friendship and support and need to improve your social life, why not consider coming along to one of our many social events?

"Our latest diary of trips, talks, coffee mornings and eating out has just been published. Call me on 01704 545279 for more information about our group or to receive a copy of our diary."

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Council outlines action plan for a safe Bonfire Night

ENJOY yourself on Bonfire Night but stay safe...that's the message to residents from West Lancashire Borough Council and its partners.

The council, the police and the fire service have an action plan to help residents celebrate November 5 safely without any nuisance or dangerous behaviour.

The three partners have worked together over the last 12 years and have massively reduced the number of unauthorised bonfires.

Cleansing operations have been speeded up, so any flammable rubbish has been cleared away quickly. The partners are aiming to cut the number of problems even further, and are advising residents to take extra care of bins, boxes and bags, and secure them where possible so others can't pull them out and start fires with the waste material.

Bin collection days in Skelmersdale are Thursday and Friday, so residents should ensure their bins are safely stored once they have been emptied to stop them from being misused. Residents have to pay the cost of replacing their wheelie bins, and the new bins are £23 each.

The partners are also keen to ensure that waste is not fly-tipped in the run up to Bonfire Night. In 2013 the council issued two formal cautions in this regard. Officers will be looking out for anyone using Bonfire Night as an excuse to dump waste and will not hesitate to take appropriate action. The maximum fine for fly-tipping materials is £50,000.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, the council's portfolio holder for street scene, said: "We want to ensure this year's Bonfire Night is just as safe and enjoyable as previous years. We work closely with partners to combat anti-social behaviour and to remove any bonfires that are not on authorised sites."

In Skelmersdale, bonfires will only be allowed at eight specially-designated sites owned by the council. Bonfires can be built and lit from 4.30pm on Saturday, November 5.

The sites are: Abbeystead (on the right hand side on the grassed area); Alderley (on the left hand side on the grass by the subway to Pimbo): Bankfield (left hand side on the grass); Evington (left hand side by the play area); Eskbank (grassed area at the entrance); Hallcroft Field (grassed area by the play area); The Winsters (grassed area on right hand side); and Railway Road (grassed area to the rear of Woodrow).

Matt Hamer, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service station manager for West Lancs, said: "We are well prepared for Bonfire Night and enjoy an extremely productive relationship with our partner agencies, including West Lancs Council and Lancashire Constabulary. This enables us to implement our fire safety and fire prevention strategies to best effect."

And West Lancashire Police Inspector June Chessell added: "We will be working with other agencies to successfully tackle crime and anti-social behaviour on Bonfire Night and in the weeks leading up to it. We will deal robustly with anyone we find engaging in such behaviour."

If residents have concerns about a bonfire they should contact the Council on 01695 577177 during office hours. Every effort will be made by council staff to remove the bonfire if it is not on a designated site, but is on council-owned land or it has been built outside the agreed dates and times or could be dangerous.

If a bonfire has been lit outside the permitted times, is dangerous, or has been lit on a site not designated for this purpose that is not council land, dial 999 and ask for the police and fire service. For advice call the fire stations at Ormskirk on 01695 572223 or Skelmersdale on 01695 723853.

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Britain's Got Talent finalist Beau lights up fundraising show for mayor's charities

BRITAIN'S Got Talent finalist Beau Dermott was among the guests at a fundraising double-header held to support the Mayor of West Lancashire's charities.

Voice coach Caroline Derbyshire, owner of the CD Music Academy in Rufford, organised the two events at The Civic, in Southport Road, Ormskirk.

The first was a fashion show running from noon to 5pm, followed by a 'Night at The Oscars' themed show from 7.30pm, which featured Beau as well as performances from singers and dancers from her own academy.

Beau also stayed behind for a meet-and-greet with fans.

The event raised more than £600 in total in aid of the four charities supported by the mayor, Councillor Liz Savage -The Civic, the Birchwood Centre and the Artz Centre, both in Skelmersdale; and Ormskirk Hospital's neonatal unit.

CD Music Academy principal Caroline Derbyshire and performers welcome West Lancs mayor Councillor Liz Savage to the Night at the Oscars event

Caroline told the Champion: "Both of the shows were fantastic, we raised £613 in total, which was brilliant.

"Thanks so much to all of the local businesses who got involved and gave us such great prizes. Everyone had a lovely time at both events and it was wonderful to be able to raise funds for such worthy causes."

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Knife amnesty launched

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A COUNTY-wide knife 'surrender' has been launched by Lancashire Constabulary, two years after the last one, when more than 800 weapons were handed in.

Police are appealing directly to residents to hand in weapons anonymously as part of a national operation to tackle knife crime launched on Monday (October 17).

There will be special bins at eight designated police stations county-wide, including Skelmersdale, and anyone will be able to anonymously dispose of a weapon, whether it belongs to them, a friend or a relative.

Any knives or offensive weapons which are too large for the bins can be handed in at the front counters at the designated stations, and residents are asked to ensure the knives are wrapped in newspaper or cardboard before they are dropped in the bins or handed in.

Knife crime has decreased in Lancashire during the last six years, with recorded crimes involving knives reducing from 1,061 in 2010/11 to 781 in 2015/16.

Meanwhile, possession of weapons offences involving knives have nearly halved during this time frame, from 412 to 213, while violence against the person crimes involving knives dropped from 291 crimes to 261.

Chief Inspector Mark Baines, force co-ordinator for the surrender, said: "A knife is a lethal weapon and even one on Lancashire's streets is one too many.

"Whilst we do not have a massive problem with knife crime across the county and the number of crimes has reduced by a quarter since 2010, the consequences of carrying a knife in public are potentially devastating.

"In 2014 more than 800 knives were handed in during our surrender and I hope that our communities will again help us to remove such items, and help to keep everyone safe.

Chief Inspector Mark Baines with some of the knives handed in during the last surrender

"If anyone is in possession of a knife and is unsure what to do about it, I would urge them to take this opportunity to dispose of it anonymously and safely.

"In particular, I want to appeal to youngsters who may be tempted to carry a knife because they believe it offers them protection – simply don't. Not only is being in possession of a knife in a public place a criminal offence, young people are also more likely to be stabbed and seriously injured with their own weapon.

"Please use the next couple of weeks to hand over your weapons without fear of prosecution, and don't run the risk of ending up with a criminal record, a life-changing or even worse a potentially fatal injury.

"Lancashire Constabulary has a zero tolerance policy toward possession of knives in public, and I want to reassure residents that will continue during the surrender.

"If anyone is found in possession of a knife during the surrender – and is clearly not en-route to a police station to hand it over – they will be dealt with appropriately."

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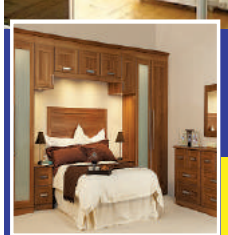

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Threatened rail link on track to be saved say campaigners

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A BID to save a rail service which passes through West Lancashire providing a vital link for commuters in the borough is hopefully back on track, say campaigners.

MPs, rail passenger groups, and commuters fighting to save the direct service between Southport and Manchester Piccadilly say they are 'optimistic' it will be continued after meeting newly-appointed Rail Minister, Paul Maynard.

The meeting in Westminster, arranged by Southport's MP, John Pugh, with the support of Wigan MPs Lisa Nandy and Yvonne Fovargue, and Bolton West MP Chris Green, was aimed at getting the minister to understand why a direct rail service to the south side of Manchester city centre is so important for passengers on the Southport-Wigan line and to ask for the Department for Transport to give train operator Arriva and planners at Rail North the green light to find a way of retaining the link.

The original plan to end the direct link to Piccadilly in December 2017 – routing all Southport's trains to Manchester Victoria – was formally announced by Arriva after it took over the Northern Rail franchise in April this year.

Rail campaigners are optimistic about their chances of saving the Piccadilly link

Passengers immediately protested to Arriva bosses but only as recently as July, the company infuriated MPs, saying it could do nothing to save the service as its "hands were tied" by the terms of the franchise.

A petition set up on 38 Degrees by Lisa Nandy last month to protest against the axing of the service gathered more than a thousand signatures in a week.

John Pugh commented: "The Rail Minister was impressed with the cross-party support for the retention of the service and the case presented by Southport Rail Transport Forum and Ormskirk Preston and Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA). There has been some really solid work put into this by SRTF and OPSTA since we first heard the rumour nearly two years ago."

MPs have been contacted by passengers alarmed at the prospect of longer journeys to get into work and changing trains to Piccadilly and the airport.

A major concern has been the uncertainty in making a rail connection, especially at busy peak periods in the evening.

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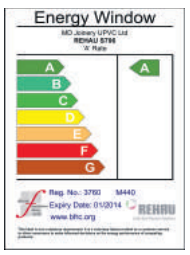

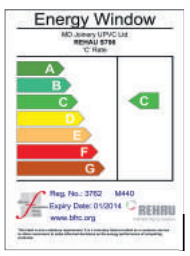

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Council asked to support motion calling on shops to boycott The Sun

Report by **Henry James**

COUNCILLORS in West Lancashire are being asked to support a motion calling on shops in the borough to stop selling The Sun newspaper over the paper's coverage of the Hillsborough disaster.

Digmoor ward Labour councillor, Kevin Wilkie put the motion - condemning the paper for publishing "blatant lies" - on the agenda for the meeting of the council being held tonight (Wednesday, October 19).

The full motion reads: 'On April15, 1989 a disaster at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield led, ultimately, to the deaths of 96 innocent fans who had left home that morning to watch a football match.

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'Due to crowd control mismanagement those fans, whose ages ranged from 10 to 67-years-old, had the life crushed out of them. Contrary to the facts, The Sun published a front-page story with the banner headline 'The Truth' which contained blatant lies.

'Many Hillsborough families who were affected by that fateful day reside in West Lancashire. For this reason the council calls on all retailers and vendors of newspapers in West Lancashire to stop selling The Sun and applauds the group 'Total Eclipse of the Sun' for endeavouring to rid the North West of the newspaper.'

The 'Total Eclipse of The Sun' group's campaign logo

Liverpool City Council and Merseytravel have already backed the bid to stop the newspaper being sold in the region.

Councillors in Liverpool unanimously voted to back a boycott of The Sun in the city in September.

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Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw said: "This is an important investment in Lancashire Constabulary and a chance to recruit officers from under-represented communities.

"We need to replace the officers due to leave in the coming months in order to ensure the force can continue to deliver the high level of service that residents rightly expect.

"But the public also need to know they are being policed by officers who understand and relate to them, which is why I am committed to making sure the workforce better reflects our diverse communities.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to work for one of the best police forces in the country and I hope to see applications from people of all backgrounds who want to serve their local community."

Deputy chief constable, Andy Rhodes, added: "The way we police our communities has changed significantly over recent years and we are keen to recruit individuals who can represent the diverse communities we serve.

"There are a wide range of roles that require an ever-growing range of skills such as languages, IT, customer services and working with vulnerable people - including the elderly and young - as well as the under-represented communities, and we need to attract people from a wider audience to reflect this."

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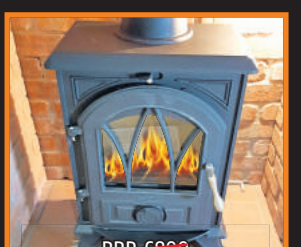
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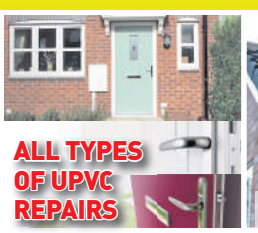
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Don't dismiss us for trying to protect and preserve our community

I CAN empathise with George Clandon of Burscough and the unnamed Aughton resident whose letters appeared in the Champion (October 5) and must respond on behalf of Aughton Residents Group (2012) to correct a number of issues and clarify our group's current position.

ARG was formed in 2012 in order to oppose the high-grade, productive agricultural land at Parrs Lane being removed from the green belt. We were unsuccessful and the land was removed, included in the adopted WLBC Local Plan and supposedly 'safeguarded' until 2027.

Our group supported Burscough Action Group's (BAG) campaign wherever possible, with both groups addressing the same meetings on a number of occasions.

The housing figures quoted by Mr Clandon are somewhat 'skewed'. At this current time there are two major housing developers' appeals in progress in relation to the land at Prescot Road/Parrs Lane and it is their joint intention to build in excess of 400 homes, not 150 as quoted.

The developers who lodged the applications followed by appeals to build on the Prescot Road/Parrs Lane land did so knowing that they were outside the policies of the recently adopted WLBC Local Plan which covers the period 2012-2027 and had been through a full democratic process.

The ongoing investment in and development of Skelmersdale is surely a plus point in order for it to continue being the 'self-sustaining' town as originally intended.

Re: the WLBC High Court Challenge.

If WLBC didn't challenge the Planning Inspector's recent decision (on a legal point concerning proposed number of housing completions and five-year land supply) to allow building on Prescot Road/Parrs Lane then they would be seen to be failing in their duties by allowing developers to orchestrate and control planning applications even when they are lodged in contravention of the Local Plan, the views of the local MP, ward councillors, Aughton Parish Council and perhaps most importantly the large majority of the local community and in the spirit of the much-mentioned localism.

Please don't dismiss us for trying to protect and preserve the community in which we live and in which we have invested years of hard work and effort.

Colin Atkinson,
chairman, Aughton Residents Group

Another Aughton Street crossing would be a waste of money

I READ with disbelief of the intention to erect barrier fencing and a pedestrian controlled crossing in Aughton Street - as if there isn't enough gridlock and retarded progress in/through Ormskirk already.

I truly wonder who has an ulterior motive in pushing this unnecessary expense through the council's already heavily-burdened purse.

The multiple crossing points that already exist at the junction of Aughton Street with Park Road serve well enough to allow the crossing of both stretches of road.

The crossing that is currently further down Aughton Street near to Deyers Lane further adds to the congestion that can and does develop further back towards the town centre.

Aughton Street is already a major contributor to gridlock, especially during term times and Thursdays and Saturdays.

This is exacerbated by the mini island at the westerly end at the junction of Prescot Road and especially during school exit times.

Why does this cash-strapped council appear to want to spend monies that they haven't got?

This is on top of the reported massive expenditure (reported to be several millions) that has been squandered on a report that could have been produced by the local high school as an extended maths/fiscal studies exercise in the last year of their studies.

There again, perhaps not, because that would have laid open the enormity of the wholesale squandering that has been going on for years by the people that are custodians of our council tax and other related monies.

John Shepherd, by email

PICTURE of the week

A member of Hesketh Bank Allotments and Leisure Gardening Association looks forward to a bumper apple crop this Autumn. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Jim's opinions are outdated

I AM writing regarding Jim Sharpe's column (October 12) entitled 'Wolf whistling is a 'hate crime' but lewd TV ads are OK'.

I can't be the only one who thinks that Mr Sharpe's opinions are old-fashioned and outdated, in particular his attitude towards wolf whistling.

I agree it is a bit strong to refer to it as a hate crime but it is not acceptable in this day and age. Many women find it intimidating and in particular young women. I am 38 and am confident enough to be able to bat off unwanted attention, but many younger women are not so confident and may feel embarrassed and scared.

Has he ever had to walk past a work site full of men who stare, whistle at you and then laugh as you go by? It is demeaning and horrible.

Please don't even get me started on his attitude to women who wear short skirts. Next time Jim please think before you write.

Christine Anderton,Lydiate

Truck convoy 'mystery' solved

WITH regards to the two letters from Aughton residents regarding the large number of vehicles passing through with top-soil (Champion, October 12) I think you will find the vehicles in question are going to a top soil dealer in Barrow Nook, Bickerstaffe.

I go to and from work that way and am always meeting them.

David Forfar, Aughton

Hospital disabled parking bays empty but streets full

I HAVE been to Ormskirk Hospital at lot recently and all the official car parks are quite full apart from the designated disabled bays which, quite rightly, are left for those with disabled permits requiring easy access to the hospital. There are always plenty of those bays available.

Why is it then as you drive along the entrance road to the hospital by the traffic lights, which is restricted by double yellow lines, it is always full of parked cars displaying disability permits?

This is further from the hospital than the designated bays within the official car park, so the people utilising them are doing so for one reason - to avoid paying a parking fee.

None of us are happy having to pay to park at the hospital but people utilising their permits to park on these double yellow lines, when there are numerous bays available give a perception that the system is abused, and you get these thoughts by watching mobility leased vehicles parked up with a constant stream of able-bodied occupants getting out of them then walking to the hospital.

I won't go into the problem these vehicles cause by them causing an obstruction to the access and egress to the hospital. There is no excuse for this and you can form your own view by just observing what takes place.

If the response is that certain disabled vehicle occupants cannot afford the car park charge, that also applies to a large number of drivers who have to pay and don't seek to abuse the system.

Ormskirk resident, by email

Students' behaviour is out of control

ANTI-social behaviour caused by students at Edge Hill University is out of control.

I was woken up at 3am on Wednesday, October 5 by hundreds of drunken students marching down St Helens Road.

I was so annoyed I actually went out in my pyjamas to tell some to keep the noise down and was astonished to see there were two policemen walking down the road slowly but not sorting out the anti-social behaviour in any way.

I asked them what exactly they were doing about it only to be told: "What can we do with hundreds of noisy drunken students?" Doh!

They are the police - they can caution, arrest, fine people breaking the law. Breaching the peace and dropping litter are offences that they have powers to deal with.

I'm furious and have emailed Edge Hill University vice-president, the student union who run the bar, the police, my local councillor and MP Rosie Cooper, together with environmental services and the minister for police.

I am determined that something should be done, be it reducing licensing hours, placing a night bus service for students to get them off the streets, or police arresting or cautioning for the offences.

It's hell living near to the university. One student swore at me saying "What the (expletive) do you expect when you live next door to a university?" What a lovely female fresher student, her parents must be proud of her!

For her information the university never existed at this size when we moved here more than 40 years ago and only over the last 10 years has it grown to such a size as a university. Ormskirk is a small town and residents deserve a peaceful night's sleep, especially on weekdays.

I await all responses yet again by professionals trying to blame each other for the obvious problem of drunks from Edge Hill University's late night bar.

M. H., Ormskirk

Helping was a pleasure

IN reply to the letter headed 'Stranger's kindness' (Champion, October 5), I just wanted to write to say how honoured I felt to read the story.

It was my pleasure Edna, being able to help such an inspirational lady as your aunt. I laughed all the way home about her anecdotal donkey stories from the sanctuary days. I'm sure it was just the shock talking.

I am now looking for ways to give back to the community and I challenge Ormskirk and surrounding areas to do a good deed a day!

Angela, Ormskirk, by email

Police appeal after spate of break-ins

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

CCTV released in bid to trace two men in connection with Tarleton burglaries

A POLICE appeal has been launched to find two men shown in CCTV images released following a spate of burglaries in Tarleton.

Lancashire Constabulary officers want to trace two men in connection with two burglaries and an attempted burglary on Monday, October 10.

At around 12.10am two men approached a shop in Church Road and after gaining entry to the property the pair stole a quantity of cash before making off from the scene.

An hour later two males attempted to break into an address on Sutton Lane, before leaving and breaking into a garage on Blackgate Lane at around 1.20am, stealing cash and cigarettes.

The suspects in each incident are described as white and aged in their late teens to early 20s.

One of the men was wearing a waterproof coat, baseball cap, hood and gloves. The other was wearing a light-coloured padded coat, baseball cap, hood and gloves.

DAMAGE

Police believe the incidents are linked and are appealing for information about a Fiat Stylo car seen close to Blackgate Lane at the time of the thefts.

PC James Gielty said: "We are investigating three incidents which occurred during the early hours of Monday, October 10 at addresses across the Tarleton area. Two properties have been raided and offenders attempted to gain access to a third address.

"On each occasion the suspects have caused significant damage.

"We would like to speak to the two men pictured in connection with the offences. If you recognise them, please contact us immediately.

"We have also been provided with information about a car seen at the scene of the second burglary.

A light silver, possibly blue Fiat Stylo five-door hatchback with black alloys was seen in the Blackgate Lane area. If you recognise this vehicle, please contact police."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101. Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

The police would like to speak to this man

Hospital trust to host careers evening for would-be therapists

THERAPY and rehabilitation services at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust are hosting a careers evening for students considering a career within the department.

The evening is an opportunity to meet the therapists and discover the different disciplines within the trust.

These include speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetics and podiatry.

Whether you are a third or fourth year student or a therapist looking for some further information about what the trust offers, you're welcome to go along and meet the team.

Running from 4 to 7pm tomorrow (Thursday, October 20), the event will be held in the spinal therapy department at Southport Hospital, hosted by Caitlin Edwards, clinical therapy manager and Yvonne Baron, wheelchair services manager.

Range of services

Caitlin said: "We're really looking forward to our first careers evening. It's a great chance for students and therapists alike to find out what we can offer those who wish to start or develop their career with us."

Yvonne added: "As an integrated care organisation, we offer a range of services in the hospital and the community, therapies and rehabilitation is no different.

"We have therapists based within our spinal unit at Southport Hospital, in physiotherapy at Ormskirk Hospital and podiatrists at community clinics. We will have professionals across all disciplines ready to chat during the evening."

For more information about careers in therapies and rehabilitation at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, contact caitlin.edwards1@nhs.net or yvonne.baron@nhs.net.

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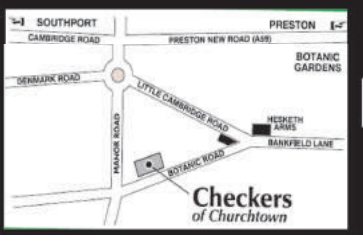

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History group to pay tribute to Somme victim John

A LOCAL history group from Ormskirk will pay tribute to a West Lancashire soldier who was killed during the Battle of the Somme by holding a talk on his life.

John Westhead, a blacksmith from Newburgh, died on October 21, 1916 during the First World War conflict which saw more than one million men wounded or killed, making it one of the bloodiest battles in human history.

To mark the 100th anniversary of his death the West Lancs World War One Committee have arranged a talk and presentation to be held on Friday, October, 21 at Ormskirk Library.

This will feature photographs of John and original correspondence between him and members of his family.

The event starts at 6.15pm and admission is free.

Above: John Westhead pictured outside Newburgh Smithy before enlisting and (below) in his army uniform in 1915

Complex caterers in running for award

CATERERS at an Ormskirk-based retirement complex have been shortlisted in a national competition.

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Slightly late trains are forgivable but just tell us what's going on!

NO-ONE enjoys their train being late. Years ago, when I regularly used the train to get from Liverpool to Norwich (and believe it or not there is a through train every hour between these two cities – for the moment at least) my train home succeeded in arriving very late.

I can't now remember why, but at the time I was hopping mad and wrote to the train operating company suggesting they should in some way compensate me. In return, I received a letter from them apologising and offering me a free ticket for my next journey to Norfolk. Very good, very civilised.

But this morning I learned that in future, rail passengers will be able to claim compo if their train arrives more than 15 minutes late (apparently the compensation scheme currently kicks in at 30 minutes). So I should be really pleased with this new development.

Well, I'm not. Of course you should have some come-back if your train is very late, but surely this is relative? If you are delayed by more than 15 minutes on your daily commute and are consequently late for work or an appointment that is one thing. If you are travelling something like 250 miles cross country though, surely this is a different matter altogether.

I am not an apologist for our privatised railway – though those who pine for the return of British Rail must either be quite young or old enough to have failing memories. The famous bit of graffiti added to the British Rail poster, 'This is the Age of the train' – 'Ours was about 100' - springs to mind.

But, to use a modern idiom, stuff happens. You wouldn't contemplate driving to Norwich from Liverpool and telling anyone meeting you there: "I'll arrive at 12.44" now would you?

I don't know how it is proposed that you claim your compo, nor indeed how much this may be, but I guess that it won't be via a civilised letter, no doubt you 'just' get on line and bingo! Not much use of course to those of us who cannot just get on line, but things change, don't they? Old fools like me will just have to be shunted into a siding I suppose.

But for goodness sake, on a journey such as mine to Norwich - that takes in a Magical Mystery Tour of the Peak District and the Fens with two reversals being necessary en-route - the train can surely be forgiven if it is 16 whole minutes late?

The simple fact is that it rarely is anyway. Train operators do not make money by being late - much more likely they already receive fines from the Rail Regulator or the Fat Controller if it is their fault.

And indeed, from what I have read, delays are more likely to have been caused by Network Rail, already a semi-nationalised body.

As I said, I do not think train operators should be allowed to get away with poor timekeeping, particularly if it is endemic. But common sense, rather than strict rules could apply, surely?

In real life, some folk find it difficult enough to be anywhere they say they will be within 15 minutes. I know one institution near me where if I have an appointment to talk to someone for a story (which will benefit the outfit concerned), I know, almost without doubt, that I will be left sitting twiddling my fingers for at least 15 minutes – and not a sign of compensation in sight.

It truly amazes me that people seem quite prepared stoically to sit around in airports waiting for delayed flights to Majorca or somewhere, but start frothing at the mouth because of a relatively slight delay to their train journey.

It is, of course, easy to moan about almost anything. Suppose you take the Virgin train to London. You may have a coffee and a sandwich en route and arrive dead on time. Do you write to Sir Richard Branson thanking him for his comfy train, good service and prompt arrival? Naturally not. But if the train is 15 minutes late … well, that is cause for a 'Dear Filth' e-mail and a demand for compo of course!

Mind you, the train companies certainly do not help their own cause. Only too often the train is delayed, with no word from anyone as to why or for how long.

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Prince's Trust crew sign up to Dementia Friends programme

A GROUP of Prince's Trust volunteers have signed up to the Dementia Friends programme after taking part in an hour-long workshop.

Nine members of the current team from the Ormskirk branch of the trust joined Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville for the workshop at The Civic in Southport Road, as part of the Alzheimer's Society programme to change perceptions of dementia.

During the event Joe spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia and the fear of being stigmatised for those with the condition.

He also outlined what memory loss means for those living with dementia in their day-to-day life; how their living environment needs to be adapted; and how money or appliances may be different to what they are expecting.

The Prince's Trust places recruits aged 16 to 25 on 12-week development courses which include a fully-paid, four-day residential project for the community.

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U3A group to stage musical farce

THE Ormskirk and Aughton branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) are set to put on a musical farce next month.

The branch's musical theatre group will host a performance of Act Your Age at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk on Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 10-12

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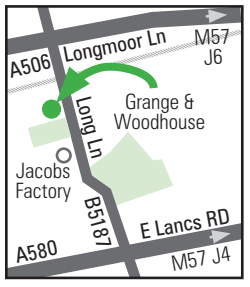

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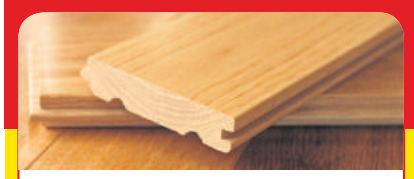

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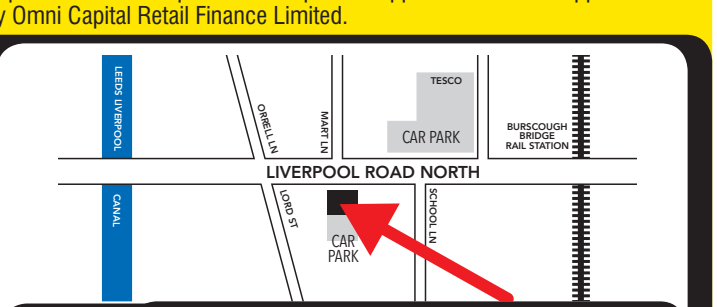

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Forces team up for two-day crackdown on rural crime

LANCASHIRE Police officers joined up with forces from across the country to stage a clampdown on rural crime.

Dozens of officers and volunteers took part in Operation Checkpoint, the largest rural policing operation of its kind in the country, which saw forces from Lancashire, Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, North Yorkshire and Northumbria team up to target cross-border criminals.

During the two-day operation the six forces co-ordinated intelligence-led deployments, static vehicle checkpoints and proactive visits to vulnerable premises.

Intelligence shows that organised crime groups from across the north of England are involved in thefts, burglaries, and handling stolen property, targeting rural areas in particular. These criminals use their extensive knowledge of the road networks across the region in an attempt to avoid detection.

Checkpoint targets, disrupts and deters vehicles suspected of being linked to criminality by deploying officers and volunteers with expert knowledge of their local area, crime patterns, intelligence and road network, and using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology.

In Lancashire, it saw officers working alongside volunteers across the whole of the county.

A police officer carries out a roadside vehicle search as part of Operation Checkpoint

This operation was the 11th time Checkpoint has been run. It was co-ordinated by North Yorkshire Police, the National Police Chiefs Council's lead for rural crime.

Arrests

The operation saw more than 220 vehicles stopped for checks across the Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, North Yorkshire and Northumbria areas and 61 vehicle and person searches carried out, resulting in a number of vehicle seizures, fixed penalty notices and arrests.

In Lancashire, 44 vehicles were stopped and checked and 10 vehicle and person searches carried out. A fixed penalty notice was issued for possession of cannabis and three vehicles were seized. A stolen car was also recovered in Blackburn.

Lorraine Ellwood, Lancashire Constabulary's rural policing and wildlife co-ordinator, said: "This should send a very clear message that we will work with colleagues across the region to take action against any criminals preying on our rural communities. Some 74% of Lancashire's geographical area is classed as rural. We are keen to work with the residents living in these areas to clamp down on criminals wherever they are from, and wherever they are going."

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County pledges support for National Adoption Week

Campaign will focus on making sure process is clear for potential adopters

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE County Council is supporting this year's National Adoption Week (October 17-24) campaign to raise awareness of the process involved in adopting a child.

The county council is always looking for adopters but the campaign will focus on making sure that the process is clear for anyone thinking about starting or growing their family through adoption.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The need to find families for some of our most vulnerable children remains right at the heart of this year's campaign. But it is important we make sure that anyone who is considering becoming an adoptive parent understands the realities of adopting a child and the support available.

"We'll post individual stories on social media, and ask people to support us by sharing messages using #SupportAdoption."

Adopters are needed to come forward to look after all types of children of all different ages, especially older children, siblings, black and ethnic minority (BME), mixed heritage background and children with specific needs.

Consideration is given to anyone who wishes to adopt, regardless of their age, marital status, sexuality, cultural background or gender. Neither are there strict rules about age, whether people should have jobs, own their own homes or have their own children.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

The only legal requirement is that adopters must be over 21 and live within Lancashire or nearby.

The county council is keen to hear from a broad range of prospective adopters, including single people and couples, same-sex and heterosexual, from all religious backgrounds or none.

People can help spread the word about adopting with Lancashire County Council on their online channels.

This can be done by following the county council on Twitter @LancashireCC and searching for #LancsAdoption and #Support Adoption for messages to retweet or by liking the county council on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lancashirecc and sharing the posts about adoption.

Anyone interested in finding out more about adoption can contact the county council by calling the adoption team on 0300 123 6723; visiting the website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption and filling in the enquiry form; or attending an information evening (details of these are on the website).

Lancashire County Council is part of Adopt North West, a regional adoption recruitment project funded by 22 local authorities in the North West.

During National Adoption Week and into early November the council will be supporting the regional initiative but also running its own campaign aimed at recruiting adopters for the children in its care.

Maisie books Bear Club Passport

THREE-year-old Maisie Miller (right) is the latest member of Burscough Library to successfully complete her Bookstart Bear Club Passport, which is open to under-fives.

Each time she visited the library she collected a stamp in her passport and on each sixth visit a certificate was given to her. To earn her gold certificate, she visited 60 times!

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Call to put safety first on walk to school

HEALTH professionals in Lancashire are urging parents and teachers to make road safety a priority to mark International Walk to School Month.

October has been designated International Walk to School Month to encourage families to tackle inactivity among children by walking to school.

In the UK, figures released last month show that the number of children walking to school has reached an all-time low. While 70 per cent of children walked to school a generation ago, that figure today is just 48 per cent.

Lorraine Chadwick from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust who oversees school nurses in the county, said: "A generation ago many schoolchildren walked to school. This is now not the case, so children are probably not as aware about road safety as they used to be.

"On average, six children under the age of five are killed or seriously injured on British roads every week. There will be many children who will be marking International Walk to School Month by walking to school this month. It is, therefore, crucial children are made aware of road safety, cycle safety and how to handle traffic at a young age.

"The importance of this cannot be stressed enough . It's getting dark early and clocks will go back an hour later this month, making the roads more hazardous. Many children will also be out and about visiting homes as part of Halloween celebrations and so the risk factor also increases."

Parents and teachers are being urged to use International Walk to School Month as an opportunity to help educate children about road safety

The trust has issued the following advice to keep families safe when walking to and from school and other journeys:

- Make holding hands your number one rule when walking together.
- Teach your child the Green Cross Code – Stop, Look and Listen.
- Wear something reflective or brightly coloured when walking in the dark.
- If you are using a buggy/pushchair on a hilly street, strap your wrist to the buggy handle then if you slip and let go, the buggy won't roll away.
- Ask your child's school or local authority about cycle training in your area. Your child shouldn't cycle on roads until they have been trained.
- Check your child's bike to see if it's roadworthy. Look at brakes, tyres and lights/reflectors (when riding at dusk or at night you must have white front lights and red back lights and reflectors).
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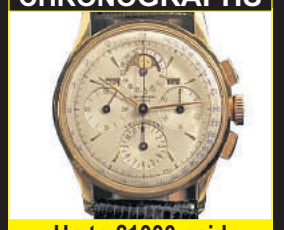

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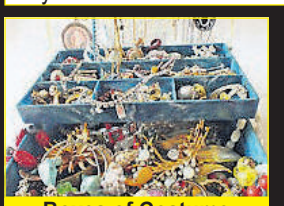

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Charity shop closure 'imminent'

THE Villages in Partnership charity shop in Burscough is set to close down.

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Villages in Partnership is a Christian initiative which was set up to raise funds for impoverished people in Malawi and supports projects including healthcare, building infrastructure, food security, clean water, education and economic development.

Cadets on a high after glider success

A GROUP of air cadets enjoyed a taste of the 'high life' by completing their glider training!

Sergeant Jack Abraham, Corporal Anna Hume, Corporal Anthony Gallagher and Cadet Stuart Swain from the 1026 (Ormskirk) Squadron Air Training Corps undertook their training at the Royal Navy Gliding Club at Lee-on Solent and at the London Gliding Club near Dunstable.

The quartet's commanding officer, Flight Lieutenant David Foster, said: "The cadets have worked extremely hard to complete the training courses."

Meanwhile the 1026 (Ormskirk) Squadron will be recruiting during the first week in November and anyone aged between 12 to 20 years old who would like to attend sessions at the ATC headquarters in Green Lane at 7.30pm on Mondays or Fridays can call 01695 581026 for more information.

Ormskirk Squadron air cadets Sergeant Jack Abraham, Corporal Anna Hume, Corporal Anthony Gallagher and Cadet Stuart Swain who have completed their glider training

Half-term fun in store for youngsters at Chapel Gallery

THERE are some fantastic fun activities for children to enjoy during the half-term holidays at the Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk.

The West Lancs Council run-gallery in St Helens Road is hosting the wonderful AniMotion Exhibition, where visitors can get really hands-on with art

There's a chance to meet 'legendary' children's TV character Morph and experiment with a range of animation techniques, inspired by exhibits from international animators including the world-famous Aardman studios, creators of Wallace and Gromit.

The exhibition runs until Saturday, November 12 and during half term week there are some great free activities for children.

On Saturday, October 29 young children and their families can use optical toys such as thaumotropes and zoetropes to make Halloween characters move at The Big Draw event with artist Gill Smith.

The first workshop is between 10.30am and 12.30pm and the second is between 1.30 and 3.30pm. And there's no need to book, just go along to the gallery.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, November 1, 2 and 4 there are three events for children aged between eight and 11 between 10.30am and 12.30pm with artist Sarah Jane Richards.

These are all free, but places must be booked in advance by calling the gallery on 01695 585011 or emailing chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk.

On the Tuesday youngsters can create a super spooky animation at the Spooky Shadow Puppets workshop.

This will be followed by the Bring Your Drawings to Life activity on Wednesday showing children how to make a movie using stop-motion animation.

And Make a Clay Model Movie on Friday will show youngsters how to use modelling clay to create a stop-motion movie.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Half-term activities at the Chapel Gallery are always really enjoyable so you book your children's places now."

Tina's recognition

Tina Whewell (left) with Slimming World founder Margaret Miles Bramwell

A WEST Lancs weight loss consultant has been recognised as one of a national slimming group's highest-achieving team leaders.

Tina Whewell, who runs weight loss sessions each Wednesday at Ormskirk Rugby club in Green Lane, was one of the 100 best-performing team developers invited to Slimming World's Team Developer Thank-You Day at the organisation's head office in Derbyshire.

She said: "It was an honour to be invited to this event and an experience I'll never forget. I left the day absolutely brimming with tips and ideas and there's no doubt the insight will enable me to improve the support I give to other consultants in the area so our members get the very best possible service."

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Some of the Ormskirk Scouts enjoying the outdoor camping weekend in Mawdesley

Scouts put skills to test on camping weekend

SCOUTS from across Ormskirk enjoyed their annual camping trip in Mawdesley.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in various activities throughout the weekend at Rock and River Outdoor Pursuits, including water sports, high ropes, team-building activities, laser tag and inflatable fun.

Meanwhile, explorers in the group put their skills to the test on site, biking and map reading.

Becca Webster, district youth commissioner for Ormskirk District Scouts, said: "Scouts from all over Ormskirk came together to celebrate their annual camp, 'the gathering'. Attendees included Scouts of all ages who fully embraced the theme of the international marketplace.

"After a long evening of putting up tents and socialising Scouts gathered around the campfire to sing some old Scouting classics.

"Overall the weekend was a massive success with more Beavers taking part than Ormskirk have ever seen. None of this would have been possible without our leaders, so thank-you to all the leaders who helped plan and run the memorable weekend."

Drama group reveal panto production

THE Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics Society (MADS) have announced that their annual panto for this year will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

This will be staged at the group's base, Mawdesley Village Hall, from Thursday to Saturday, December 1 to 3 with curtain up at 7.30pm on all three evenings, plus a Saturday matinee starting at 2pm.

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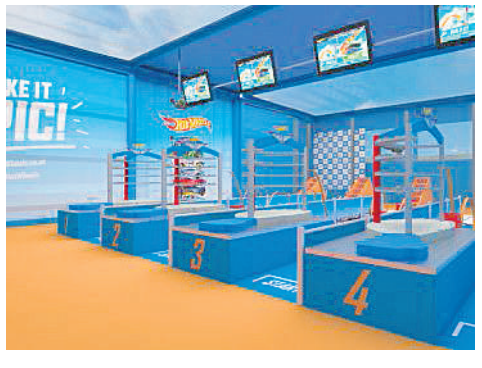
Send your entries to: Hot Wheels, The Champion, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 0QA. Usual competition rules apply, Editor's decision is final.



The Hot Wheels Epic Tour

Brownies' taster day

A GROUP of Brownies enjoyed a 'taster' session with a difference - courtesy of a local supermarket.

The youngsters from the 4th Parbold and Dalton Brownies were given a talk, tour of the store and taster session by staff at Tesco at Liverpool Road North, Burscough.

Leader, Sandy Smith, said: "The Brownies enjoyed Tesco's Farm to Fork Trail and were given a full tour of the store - including a quick peek inside the freezer store.

"They were also able to try different sorts of bread, a variety of cheeses and fruits and learned about where food comes from and how things like bread and cheese are made.

"It was a lot of fun and the Brownies enjoyed doing questionnaires on different food topics and finding different coloured fruit and vegetables.

"And they earned a certificate and a lovely Farm to Fork badge at the end of it.

"Parbold Brownies and Rainbows need more leaders to make events like this happen - if you are interested in helping, ring me on 01257 463407."

The 4th Parbold and Dalton Brownies at Tesco in Burscough

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Search for Young Citizen of 2017 launched

THE High Sheriff of Lancashire, John Barnett has officially launched the search to find the county's Young Citizen of the Year 2017 by welcoming nominations of young people who put others first.

He said: "Sometimes young people receive negative coverage in the media but my experience has always been that the vast majority are hard-working and help others.

"Perhaps you know someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty at school, a young charity fundraiser or a young carer who looks after a family member. Whatever they have done, we'd like to hear about it and they could be in line to win the top prize."

The annual awards involve the High Sheriff inviting applications to find a young person, ideally up to age 21, who has helped either their local neighbourhood, an individual, family member or local organisation. This year they are being sponsored by the University of Central Lancashire.

Winners and runners-up are selected by the High Sheriff and a panel of judges drawn from the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC), Lancashire Constabulary and the University of Central Lancashire, along with former High Sheriff, Rodney Swarbrick, who initiated the award.

Lancashire Constabulary's chief constable, Steve Finnigan commented: "We are extremely proud of our continued involvement in the Young Citizen of the Year Award and I am really looking forward to seeing the fantastic entries I am sure we will receive this year.

"This award highlights the contribution that young people can make towards supporting people in their communities, helping to reduce vulnerability and build community resilience.

"Our Volunteer Police Cadets are an example of that and I am really pleased to play a part in making sure that young people get the recognition and support they deserve."

All finalists will be invited to attend a presentation at Lancashire Constabulary headquarters at Hutton near Preston in March 2017 where the winner will receive £500 along with a specially-commissioned trophy and certificate from the High Sheriff and Chief Constable Finnigan.

The scheme is being administered by the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC) charity on behalf of the High Sheriff and the closing date for nominations is January 31, 2017.

Two runners-up will also receive £100 and a certificate.

Approval of a parent or guardian is needed for the nomination, subsequent publicity and any future events involving the finalists.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and on 21 October the charity is calling on everyone across the country to add a splash of pink to their outfit and raise money for life-saving breast cancer research.

Actress, TV presenter and wear it pink ambassador, Lisa Riley said: "I am so proud to be part of wear it pink 2016. It's such a fantastic, fun-filled event, which gets friends, family and colleagues together in support of Breast Cancer Now.

"I lost my beautiful mum to breast cancer in 2012, and so I know the devastating effect this awful disease can have.

"Breast cancer is still the most common cancer in the UK. Every year, wear it pink raises money to fund Breast Cancer Now's world-class breast cancer researchers in the UK and Ireland. Together, they are working to discover how to prevent breast cancer, how to detect it earlier and how to treat it effectively at every stage to help stop the disease taking lives."

Visit www.wearitpink.org for information on how to get involved.

Also tweet a photo of yourself dressed in pink on 21 October using #wearitpink.

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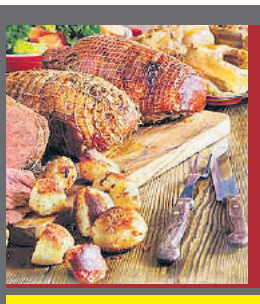

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Motorists urged to watch out for deer on the roads

Report by **Louisa Austin**

Collision risk greater in mating season

MOTORISTS across West Lancs and Sefton are being urged to be extra vigilant and watch out for deer on the roads.

While wild deer may not appear to be too much of a threat on local highways there have, in fact, been numerous reports of the animals running across the path of startled drivers in parts of both boroughs.

Now, Highways England and The Deer Initiative have joined forces to warn motorists about the heightened risk of collisions involving deer at this time of year.

Across the UK it is estimated that there could be up to 74,000 deer-related motor vehicle accidents this year alone, resulting in 400 to 700 human injuries and 20 deaths.

October through to December is considered a high-risk period as deer will be on the move for the autumn mating season, also known as the rut.

The highest risk time for deer-vehicle collisions is between sunset and midnight, and the hours shortly before and after sunrise.

Tony Sangwine, senior principal environmental adviser at Highways England, said: "Our top priority is safety – that is why we are working with the Deer Initiative to warn motorists about these particular risks.

"Deer are highly active at this time of the year, meaning they can suddenly appear on the road, at both dawn and dusk.

"With most deer movement coinciding with key commuting hours, we are urging drivers to be more aware so that they can complete their journeys on our roads safely and without incident."

Motorists are warned to watch out for deer

Highways England's advice to drivers is as follows:

- **When you see deer warning signs or are travelling through a heavily wooded or forested stretch of road, check your speed and stay alert.**
- **If your headlights are on, use full-beams when you can; but dip them if you see deer, as they may 'freeze.'**
- **More deer may follow the first one you see.**
- **Be prepared to stop. Try not to suddenly swerve to avoid a deer. Hitting oncoming traffic or another obstacle could be even worse.**
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Military vehicle event success

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These included Willys, Ford, Hotchkiss and Austin Champ Jeeps, Landrovers, Whistling Rio and Bedford RL 4 ton trucks, a Saracen armoured personnel carrier, military motorbikes, and military staff cars, as well as 'big guns' including a mighty Howitzer and an Abbot self-propelled gun.

Paul Connolly and Nina Johnson recreate a scene in an original WW2 machine gun post at the Heaton's Bridge Military Vehicle show

Among the bigger trucks owned by members are a Mighty Antar tank transporter, Austin K9s, a Swiss Saurer, a couple of Diamond Ts, and a newly-refurbished American 'wrecker.'

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Healthwatch report reveals outpatients' verdicts on county hospital services

A NEW report reveals how outpatients felt about the treatment they received at hospitals across Lancashire.

Healthwatch Lancashire, the public voice on health and social care in the county, has published a detailed Patient Engagement Day Report which captures the experiences of patients accessing services at 17 hospitals.

Between February and May 2016, some 1,596 people in Lancashire shared their views and experiences of access to hospital services, including booking appointments, travel and the time and cost of getting to the hospitals.

The project also investigated whether people felt they had received the information they needed to be able to get to their appointment.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall

The results of the report show that 38% of people said that the information they received when arranging their appointment from the trust was not helpful and 63% said that they did not receive a reminder for their appointment.

The reports include a total of 23 actions provided by seven of the NHS organisations in relation to how they will aim to improve service users' experiences, addressing issues such as lack of parking places, a lack of public awareness for services and waiting times for patient transport services.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall, chief officer at Healthwatch Lancashire, said: "We contributed valuable insight by gathering patient and relatives input into the way services are run. This can be invaluable as sometimes seeing services from their point of view opens up opportunities for improvement that may not have already been considered.

"We would like to thank the seven NHS organisations for their responses to the report and for the actions which they put in place as a result of our findings."

Primary schools in running for regional awards

SCHOOLS from West Lancashire and Southport have been shortlisted for this year's Educate Awards.

The awards, now in their fifth year, highlight the work done by inspiring teachers, support staff and stand-out schools in Lancashire, Cheshire and Liverpool. Hundreds of entries were sent in across the 21 award categories, breaking previous records.

Bickerstaffe CE Primary school will battle it out against Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary, Southport and two others for the Community Partnership Award.

Meanwhile Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary will also compete against three others for the Innovative and Creative Literacy Award, and Churchtown Primary School will compete against three others for the Outstanding Teaching of Life Skills award.

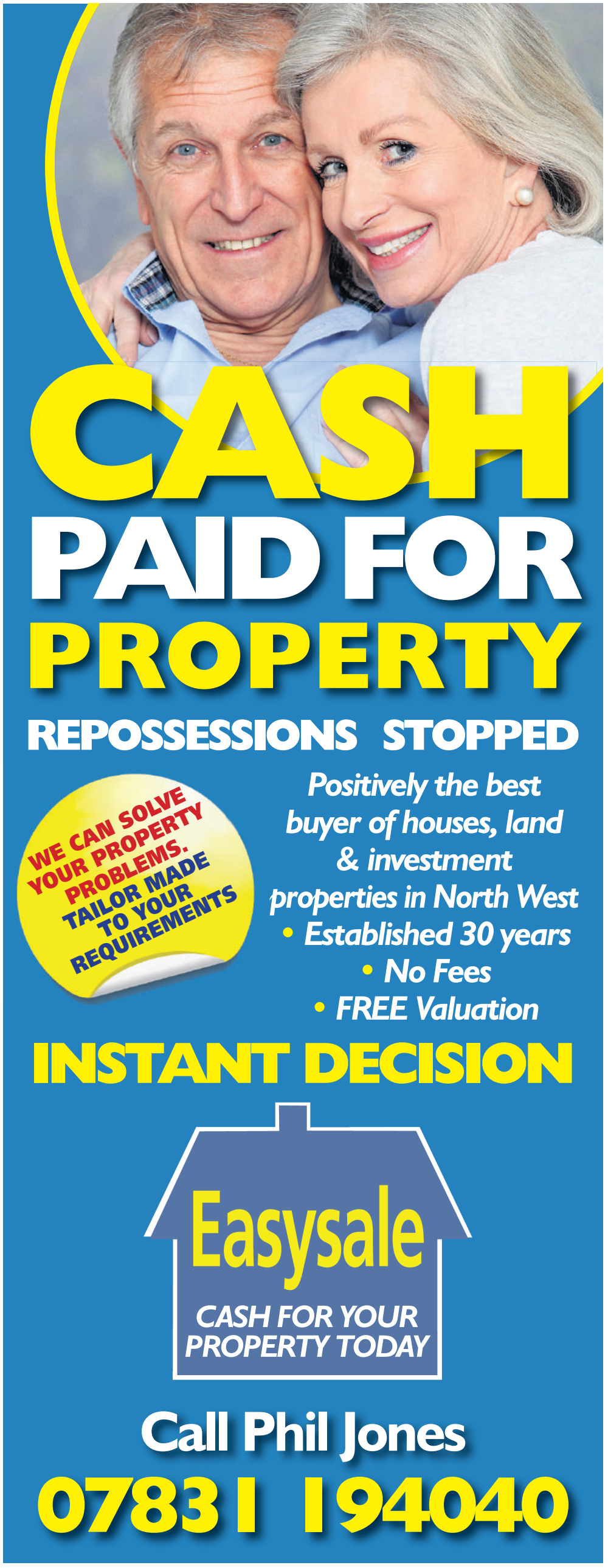
Commenting on the shortlist, Kim O'Brien, **founder of the awards said: "We're delighted to finally reveal the shortlisted schools ahead of the Educate Awards ceremony next month. With more entries than ever before, this year our judges found it so challenging to put together the final shortlists for each category.**

'Amazing'

"The dedication, hard work and impact that our teachers, support staff and school communities have is truly humbling and it was fantastic to see so many schools from across the region enter and put their projects forward.

"The entries this year have been amazing so thank-you to each and every school that entered and best of luck to all those shortlisted."

The winners will be announced at the annual awards ceremony, which takes place on Friday, November 18 at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.



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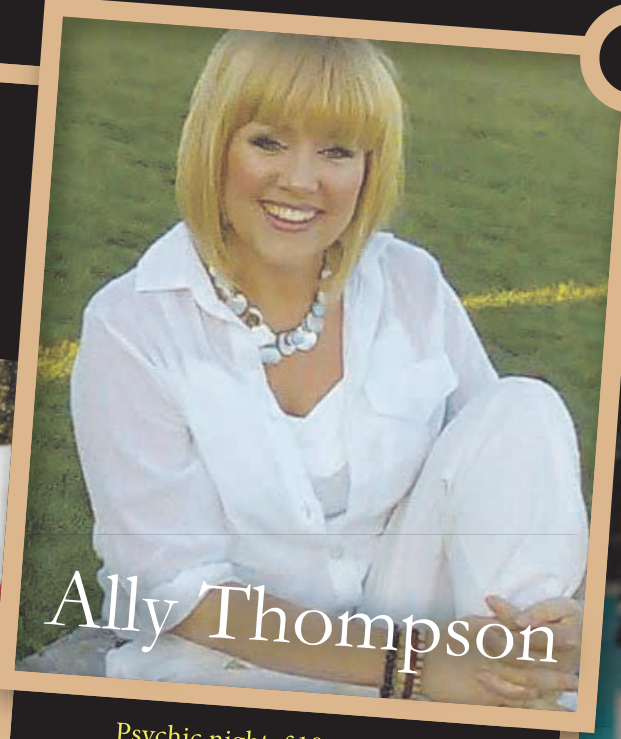

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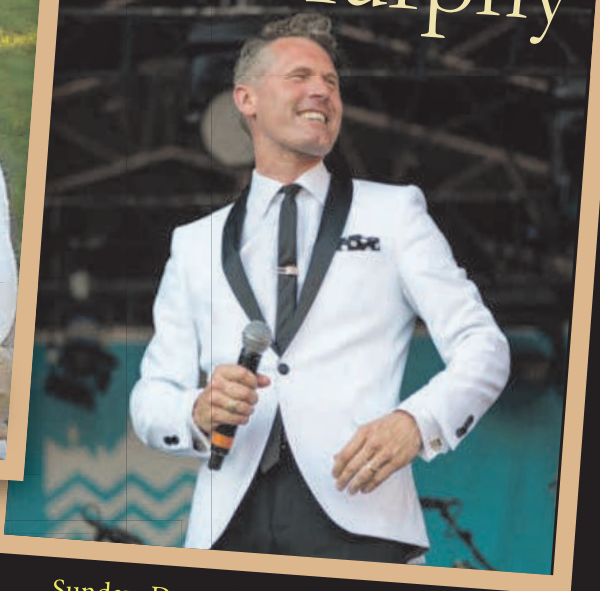

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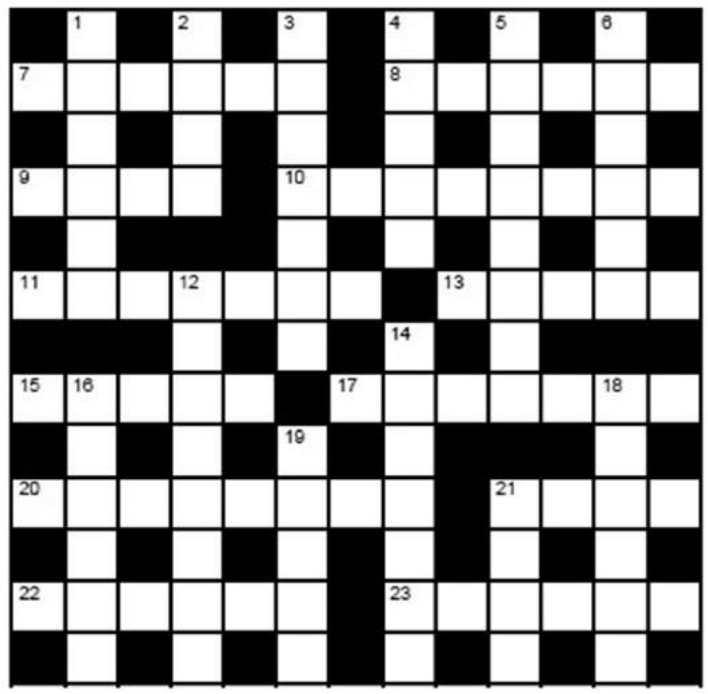

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Across: 7 Charter member. 8 Emission. 9 Rote. 10 New York. 12 Issue. 14 Aptly. 16 Rickets. 19 Trot. 20 Dipstick. 22 Nuclear energy.

Down: 1 Sham. 2 Trusty. 3 Devilry. 4 Emend. 5 Smarts. 6 Destruct. 11 Emporium. 13 Dimples. 15 Little. 17 Kitten. 18 Ideal. 21 Cage.

ACROSS

7 State emphatically (6)
8 Someone who lends money at excessive rates of interest (6)
9 Plunder (4)
10 Small laptop computer (8)
11 Make practical and effective use of (7)
13 Exhilarating (5)
15 Labourer employed in the excavation of a canal (5)
17 Of great size and bulk (7)
20 Countermand (8)
21 Young kangaroo (4)
22 Requiring immediate action (6)
23 Rub or push against gently with the nose and mouth (6)

DOWN

1 Vigorous or determined attempt (6)
2 Haze (4)
3 In the middle of (7)
4 Informal term for a sandwich, particularly in the north (5)
5 Sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease (8)
6 Standard International (SI) unit of time (6)
12 A uniformed servant is said to be this (8)
14 Alfalfa (7)
16 A word that modifies a verb or adjective (6)
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Shakespeare show is enjoying a renaissance!

Review by **Ron Ellis**

THE Two Gentlemen Of Verona by **William Shakespeare**
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FEW people would argue that were this play had been written by anyone but William Shakespeare, it would be unlikely to have survived down the centuries.

Possibly this is why director Nick Bagnall and composer James Fortune decided to turn it into a sort of Renaissance version of Woodstock with a such glorious selection of costumes of the period that one felt Flower Power was back with a vengeance. A mind-blowing trip indeed.

So we had a stage upon the stage, with a balcony on its flat roof reached by ladders at either side which the actors scaled with impressive athleticism throughout the performance and which will stand them in good stead if they ever decide to take up window cleaning.

On this stage itself, they became The Outlaws, playing a varied selection of instruments with consummate skill including banjo, saxophone, guitars and drums creating a cacophony of psychedelic noise resembling Jimi Hendrix on speed.

The opening scenes were set in Verona, a city so unfashionable that the cast were dressed as if rehearsing 'The Archers' but when the scene moved to the cosmopolitan Milan, they turned into versions of the hippies who were prolific in 1967's 'Summer of Love'.

Dharma Patel shone as Proteus, torn between his friendship for Valentine (Guy Hughes) and his love for Julia (Leah Brotherhead), a girl who spent most of the time disguised in a flat cap looking like a newsboy.

The cast of Two Gentlemen of Verona

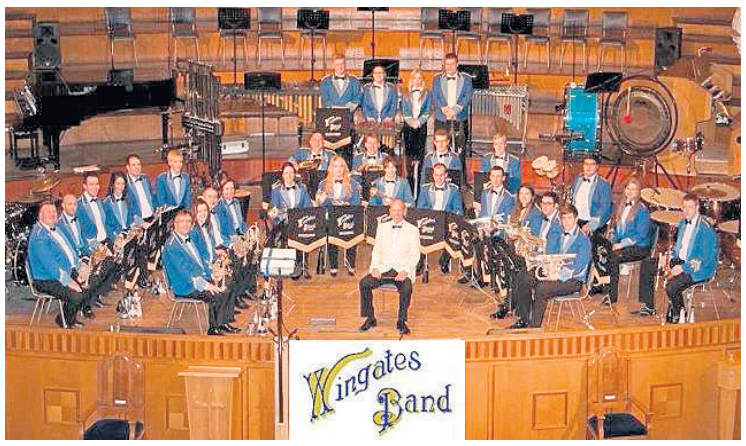
Valentine went to Milan to seek his fortune and fell in love with Sylvia (Aruhan Galieva), daughter of the Duke (Garry Cooper).

On his father's orders, Proteus followed Valentine to Milan where he decided he wanted Sylvia for himself. The fight that inevitably occurred between the two men was sudden and vicious but, with Shakespeare's fancies often leaning towards the Greek tradition, one felt their relationship with each other was the strongest.

Charlotte Mills provided the comic turn of the night as Launce with her dog, Crab, played by a poker-faced Fred Thomas.

What with the acrobatics, the music, the wrestling and the clowning, we might almost have been at the circus. There hasn't been a 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' quite like it.

Star Rating: 5 0ut of 10. Shakespeare, but not as we know it.



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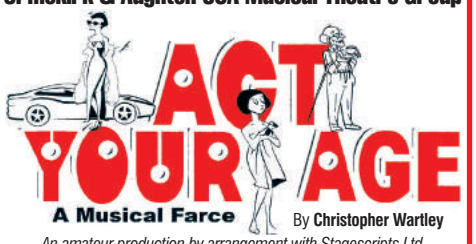

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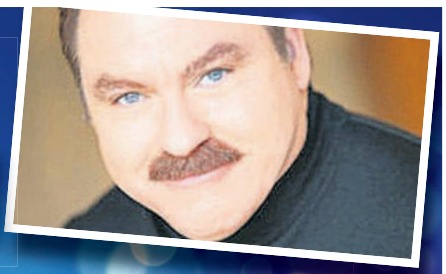

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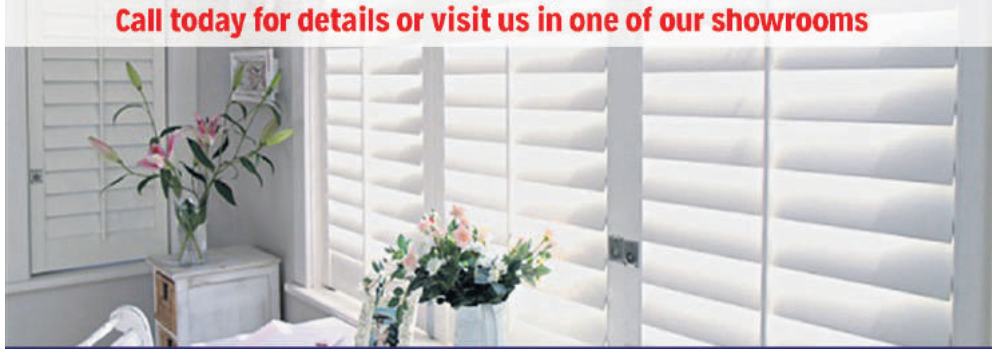

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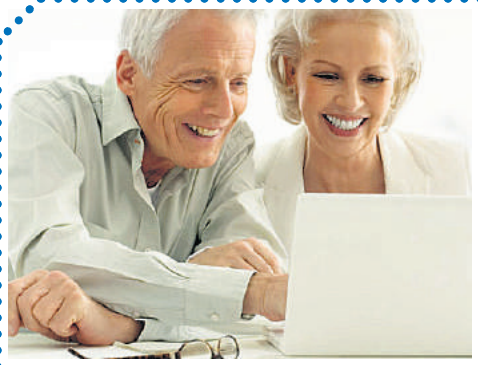

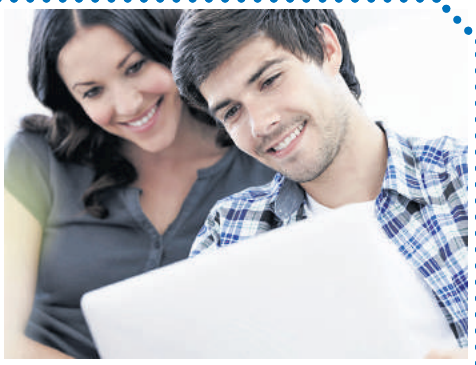

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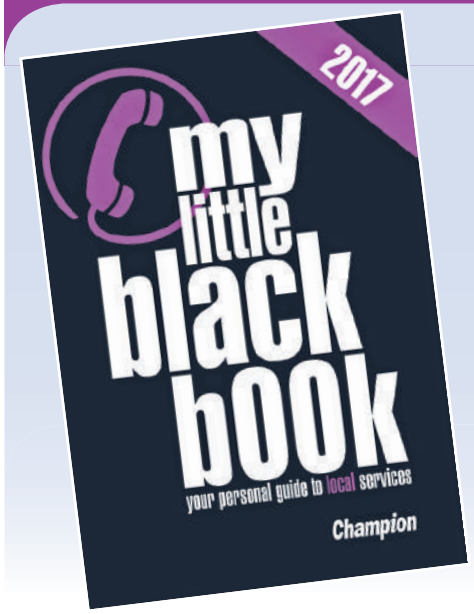

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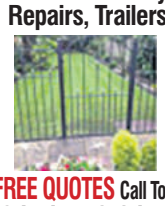

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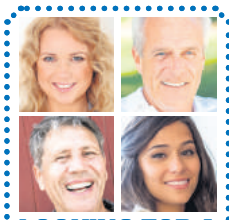
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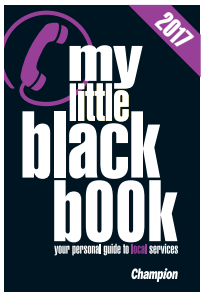

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Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude

Instructions:
Light your candle and declare out loud what miracle you need right now. Repeat this prayer 9 times for 9 days. Do this at the same time each day, never skip a day. If you do, you need to start over again. On the 9th day give thanks, and say "So be it." Give it up to Saint Jude and let go of any worry. You will see results in 72 hours. Never use this prayer to manipulate or control anyone. Use it only with the best intentions.

This is the most important part of the entire process YOU MUST pass this miracle prayer onto others. Some people publish it in the paper, others e-mail it to their friends, and others post it in a public building.

The Miraculous Prayer
Dear heart of Jesus. In the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you this very special one. Take a dear heart of Jesus and place it within your broken heart where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen.

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WILKIE DAVID CHALMERS

25th September 2016

Beryl wishes to express her sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown following the sudden passing away of David Wilkie. Also for the cards, floral tributes and donations to the Freshfield Animal Rescue Trust. Thanks also to the staff of Cookson Tyrer for the funeral arrangements and Briars Hall for the funeral reception.

SHAW HILDA

Jennifer and Albert would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends & neighbours, for the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards, donations and support received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all at Stocks Hall Nursing Home and to the Doctors and Nursing staff at Southport Hospital for all their kindness and care. To the Rev. Michael Smout for his kind ministration and grateful thanks also to Sally Hunter at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for all her help and dignified Funeral arrangements.

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EMMA THOMPSON (NEE JOHNSON)

Wishing you a very Happy 40th Birthday Emma

Love Leon and Joanna

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DEATHS

SMITH PHILIP GEORGE

2nd October 2016
Aged 60 Years

Loving and devoted Husband of Lynda, devoted Son of Gladys and the late George, loving Father to Emma and Taylor, much loved Step Father of Darren and Jenine, dedicated Brother of Elaine, Nigel and Janice. Phil will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 21st October at 10:00am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being very gratefully received for Help for Heroes. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

SIDDELL IAN RONALD

5th October 2016
Aged 69 years

Devoted Husband to Pam for over 45 years. Much loved Dad to Mark and Robin, Father-in-law of Mel and doting Grandad to Bethany and Lucie, beloved Son in law of Eileen. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium, today, Wednesday 19th October at 3:20pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

TOCHER MICK

30th September 2016
Aged 73 years

Devoted and much loved Husband of the late Joy, best Dad to Claire, Donna, Michelle, Andrew and Gary. Adored Grandad of Georgia, Bailey, Freya, Allan, Kerri, Kyle, Michael, Gideon, Lauren, Summer, Jasmine, Molly and Sunny. Service at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church on Monday 24th October at 10:15am followed by interment at Duke Street Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Spinal Unit Action Group (SUAG). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

BIRCHALL LESLIE

Suddenly at home on 7th October 2016
Aged 67 years

Beloved Husband to Joan, Dad to Gareth and Father-in-law to Sarah. Safe in the knowledge that you were loved by many. Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 20th October at 4.00pm. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services. Tel: 01695 731199

BELL JOHN

R.I.P.

12th October 2016
Aged 75 years
Peacefully in Southport Hospital after a short illness

Father of Jacqueline, Andrew, Frances, Martin, John and Oliver and a Grandfather to ten wonderful Grandchildren. John, a prominent jeweller in Southport for more than 40 years will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Requiem Mass at St Patrick's R.C. Church on Thursday 20th October at 10:00am followed by interment at Ainsdale Catholic Cemetery, Liverpool Road. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MACKEN JOAN EILEEN

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Devoted Wife of John K Macken, deceased. Much loved Mum of Nina, Neil and Nick. Beloved Mother-in-law and Grandma. A woman of Intelligence, faith, dignity and humour. Thoughtful and inquisitive until her final hours. Died peacefully in Hospital on Ward 10A with her family around her. Rest in peace. Funeral service to take place at St. Elizabeth's Church, Scarisbrick on Friday 28th October at 11.30am followed by burial in the churchyard. Family flowers only but donations if so desired to CAFOD and St Patricks Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers). All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

OWEN NORMAN JOHN

11th October 2016, after a long illness, at home, aged 86 years

Much loved Husband of Rosemary, and loving Father of Lynne and the late Angela. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Newburgh on Monday 24th October at 11.45am, Committal following at 1.00pm at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please, but donations in memory of Norman are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DENSON FRANK

12th October 2016
Peacefully in Hospital aged 85 years

Loving Husband of the late Joyce, devoted Dad of Glen, Glyn, Joy (Decd) and Gwilym (Decd) cherished Grandad and Great-Grandad of all his Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Pauls Church on Monday 24th October at 1:30pm followed by Interment at St. Thomas Church Upholland. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for St. Pauls church. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

WILSON MARGARET (Nee Grounds)

12th October 2016
Peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family aged 81 years

Loving Wife of the late Brian, devoted Mum of Janet and Ian (Deceased) cherished Nan of Robert, Andrew and Jonathan and Great-Grandma to Kaitlyn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St.Pauls Church on Friday 21st October at 2:00pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

PATT ANGUS

22nd September 2016
Suddenly at home aged 48 years

You will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts until we meet again. Lots of love your broken hearted Mum Renee,Sister Moira,Brother Quinton,Sister-in-Law Clare,uncle Ivan,Auntie Kim,Nephews Neil and Simon and Niece Michaela

QUAYLE FRANK

11th October 2016
Peacefully in Stocks Hall Nursing Home, aged 81 years

Loving Husband of Margaret, devoted Dad of Stephen, Tony and Carol, dear Father-in-law of Julie and Lyn, cherished Grandad of Natasha, Rachel and Tom, Great Grandad of Leighton, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 27th October at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request donations if desired for the Critical Care Unit, Southport. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No.5) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, to proceed over that length of Butchers Lane, Aughton for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Butchers Lane Railway Bridge in the borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative nightly between 2100 hours and 0600 hours on Monday 31st October 2016 to Thursday 3rd November 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Butchers Lane - Springfield Road - A59 Northway - Eastway - Deyes Lane - School Lane - Maghull Lane - A506 Prescot Road - B5197 Prescot Road - Butchers Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential structural repairs to railway bridge to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/16/08/5172/ARH]

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2016/0077
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - ERECTION OF DOUBLE HEIGHT SITE CABINS AT UNIT 11 SIMONSWOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK, STOPGATE LANE SIMONSWOOD

I give notice that James Boyd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 9 November 2016.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 9 November 2016 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 19 October 2016

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/1023/FUL The development of 23 social houses and supporting infrastructure at Former Sutches Farm, Castlehey, Skelmersdale.

Application No: 2016/1034/FUL Variation of Condition No. 3 imposed on planning permission 2016/0757/COU to read "The use hereby permitted, with the exception of use as a gymnasium, shall only take place between the hours of 0800-2300 Monday to Saturday, 1000-2200 hours on Sundays and Bank and Public Holiday." To allow the 24 hour use of the premises by a gymnasium occupier at Upper Ground Floor, Unit 2, Two Saints Place, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2016/1042/FUL Variation of Condition No.1 imposed on planning permission 2016/0232/ARM to vary the approved plans at Land Between 101 And 125, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0863/FUL Connect the building as one, creating passageway from the existing accommodation through to the existing garage space. Convert part of the ground floor garage into living accommodation to include a kitchen area. Convert the area above the garage into living accommodation to include an additional two bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite. Create single storey extension to connect the existing living accommodation with the proposed new layout. New extension to include siting room/dining room. New vehicular/pedestrian access at 32A Parliament Street, UpHolland.

Application No: 2016/0881/FUL Retention of retaining wall and construction of boundary wall above ground floor level at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, UpHolland.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 19th October 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT919

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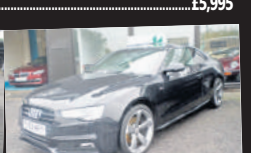

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I've 'done the lights' pretty much every year since I earned my licence and loved every minute. You can enjoy it in just about any car but to make the most of it bring a convertible that won't overheat in prolonged stints of traffic, make sure it's an auto so your left leg's still working by the time you reach the Pleasure Beach, and tell your mates to wrap up warm because at no point will the roof be going up. Vauxhall's Cascada, Mercedes' E-Class Convertible and BMW's 4-Series Cabriolet are pretty much perfect for the job.

The cars to cruise up the seafront and bask in the gaudy glitz of the lights and waft in the vinegary smells are better than ever. The only problem – if my last couple of trips up the coast have been anything to go by – the traffic management seems to have got worse.

Go on a busy Friday or Saturday night and you can expect to be queuing as you soon as you emerge from Lytham St Annes, sometimes with your engine off for 10 or 15 minutes at a time. That's fair enough for one of the North's most congested tourist hits, but what isn't are the scary manouveres other impatient motorists pull to try and beat the queues.

On a visit last weekend drivers routinely drove up the wrong side of the road at well above the 30mph speed limit, usually with terrified-looking tourists heading straight at them in the other direction. For the best part of half an hour I watched as headlights flashed, horns blared and tyres screeched as people desperate to see the lights before everyone else caused other cars to career towards the kerb. It wasn't just cars full of impatient Illuminations-watchers either; the single worst offender was a double decker bus.

Without wanting to sound like Alastair Stewart on some bad Nineties rerun of *Police Camera Action* it was some utterly appalling driving – but I reckon the ball's in Blackpool's court to sort it out. It's a resounding A+ for the lights themselves – and I'd still recommend seeing them – but a firm 'must do better' on the traffic front. Same again next year?

David has been promoted to the editor of Classic Car Weekly and will take up the role from current editor Keith Adams next week.

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Amount Financed	£10,680.97	APR	3.7%

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Brand New Vauxhall Adam
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£159 Per Month | **£159** Deposit | **£1500** Deposit Contribution

Cash Price	£12,950	47 Monthly Payments	£167.49
Customer Deposit	£159.44	Interest	£1,116.68
Deposit Allowance	£1,100	Optional Final Payment	£4,414
Minimum Part Exchange	£500	Total Amount Payable	£14,066.68
Amount Financed	£11,458	APR	3.7%

Brand New Vauxhall Mokka X
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£219 Per Month | **£219** Deposit | **£2400** Deposit Contribution

Cash Price	£17,570.90	47 Monthly Payments	£219
Customer Deposit	£219	Interest	£1,476.10
Deposit Allowance	£2,400	Optional Final Payment	£5,635
Minimum Part Exchange	£500	Total Amount Payable	£19,047
Amount Financed	£14,451.90	APR	3.7%

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£155 Per Month | **£155** Deposit | **£1100** Deposit Contribution

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Customer Deposit	£155	Interest	£10,28.29
Deposit Allowance	£1,100	Optional Final Payment	£3,868
Minimum Part Exchange	£500	Total Amount Payable	£13,206
Amount Financed	£10,124	APR	4.8%

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£139 Per Month | **£139** Deposit

Cash Price	£9,100	Amount Financed	£8,461	Optional Final Payment	£3,526
Customer Deposit	£139	47 Monthly Payments	£139.62	Total Amount Payable	£10,727.14
Minimum Part Exchange	£500	Interest	£1,627.14	APR	6.9%

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£199 Per Month | **£199** Deposit | **£3000** Deposit Contribution

Cash Price	£16,858.38	47 Monthly Payments	£199
Customer Deposit	£199	Interest	£1,345.62
Deposit Allowance	£3,000	Optional Final Payment	£5,152
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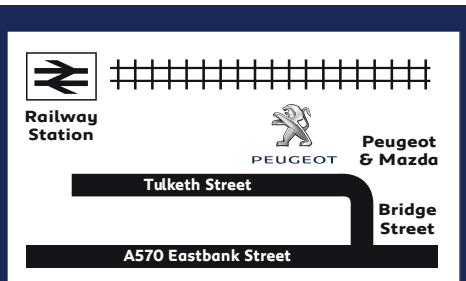

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Deposit..... £0
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Interest Charges..... 0%
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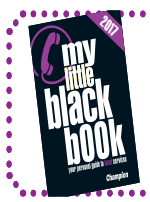
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Young striker Hazeldine back at Skelmersdale

Hazeldine scoring against Salford City last season.

TEENAGE striker Max Hazeldine is back at Skelmersdale United after returning to the club on a permanent signing from Accrington Stanley.

The nineteen year old scored 15 goals for Skem last season in a loan spell from Stanley between late January and the end of the season.

Hazeldine was released at the weekend and Skem manager Tommy Lawson wasted no time to pounce as the team has been lacking in goals lately despite putting some strong performances.

Skelmersdale defend a corner from Ilkeston on Saturday. Picture by John Driscoll.

Nothing to show again for decent performance

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Ilkeston 3
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE had to weather quite a storm in the final quarter of their defeat to Ilkeston – but could consider themselves hard done by after having had the lion's share of the possession for most of the game.

A lack of strength upfront meant the goals Skelmersdale looked like poaching in the first half, never came and United came away from Awsworth Road with their heads hanging in defeat

Ilkeston scored in the 16th minute, but before that Ben Hodkinson had twice worried the home defence, once with a cross that only required a touch to give Skem the lead and a shot that was saved by Ilkeston goalkeeper Ross Durrant

The Ilkeston opener arrived from a set piece, a long throw from the left was headed down and was swept into the net by Luis Rose.

Skelmersdale's approach play was excellent, some neat passing and swift movement forcing Ilkeston back.

Tom Ince headed wide off a Phil Mooney cross, then Ince saw a fee-kick fingertipped over the crossbar by Durrant.

Ince put another free-kick wide, but just before the whistle for the break an intricate move probably summed up a frustrating first-half from a Skelmersdale perspective, the build-up had Ilkeston scurrying all over the penalty area, but no one had the confidence to put a shot on goal.

The second-half was different story and Ilkeston were now prepared to hit Skelmersdale on the counter-attack.

Skem goalkeeper Martin Fearon was far busier than he had been before the break. making saves from Mark Shelton and Haydn Goddard before another goal in 69th minute proved a turning point.

A long clearance from Ikeston just wouldn't go to ground and Anthony Dwyer persisted in his challenge on Rob Bodie for the bouncing ball, eventually it fell to the forwards feet and after a clever switch around Bodie he fired high into the Skem net.

When five minutes later Shelton skilfully held the ball up and laid it into the path of substitute Malachi Lavelle-Moore it was finished.

Although Skem settled again after Ilkeston's two in five minutes burst, it was too late and the hosts were able to sit back on their lead and wait for the final whistle.

Linnets hit for four by Glossop

Burscough 0
Glossop North End 4

BURSCOUGH remain winless after conceding four goals for the second successive match in the league.

The Linnets were outplayed by an impressive Glossop North End side and as a result, remain bottom of the table. It's the second time in as many games that the Linnets has conceded four goals after losing 4-1 to Goole in their last league encounter.

They travel to Hyde United this Saturday in the hope of picking up their first league win of the season.

Spinner signs for Ormskirk while Armstrong 'unretires'

ORMSKIRK CC have re-signed Gary Knight from Lytham and also signed left arm spinner Alex Mason from Longridge, while John Armstrong has officially 'unretired' himself.

George Lavelle and Tom Hartley will be available on a more regular basis and youngsters Joe Lyth and Alex Rankin should also be pushing for a first team call up. Gavin Griffiths is expected to play less though after signing a contract with Leicestershire.

Bootle have re-signed all rounder Will Purser from Bamford Fieldhouse and also signed former Northamptonshire batsman Vishal Tripathi from Burnley, but have lost the services of club stalwart David Snellgrove who has taken over the captaincy role at Rainford.

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